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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS
REF: STATE 085109

1. DCM CALLED ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDERSECRETARY JAFAR NADIM APRIL 11, PROVIDED HIM WITH A COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S NEW YORK LAW OF THE SEA ADDRESS, AND REVIEWED WITH HIM POINTS MADE IN REFTEL. NADIM, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO JIDDA ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER, HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT TO MAKE BUT NOTED THAT HE HAD HEARD WITH INTEREST NEWS REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US CONCERNS THAT THE NEXT LAW OF THE SEA SESSION NOT BE A LOST OPPORTUNITY AND THAT IRAN WOULD GIVE OUR PROPOSALS VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS ANOTHER SCHOOL OF THOUGHT ABOUT THE URGENCY OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON A LAW OF THE SEA, WITH SOME COUNTRIES FEELING THAT THE MATTER WAS TOO FUNDAMENTAL AND COMPLICATED TO RESOLVE QUICKLY. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY IRAN AS ONE OF THOSE AGREEING WITH THIS POSITION.

2. NADIM PROMISED TO GIVE US SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS BY APRIL 13.

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